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Applicant : Anirudha Phatak
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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING AN AUCTION
FOR RESOURCES

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from United States Provisional Application No. 60/170,836, filed on December 14, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

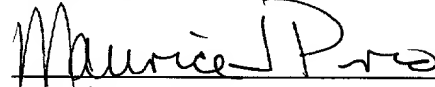
Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be

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expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact Mr. Pirio, attorney for the Applicant.

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